



NO OTHER gODS

— 30 Days of Worship —

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READ

Psalm 29

¹ *Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

² *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.*

³ *The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.*

⁴ *The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.*

⁵ *The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

⁶ *He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.*

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⁷ *The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.*

⁸ *The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

⁹ *The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"*

¹⁰ *The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.*

¹¹ *May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!*

REFLECT

When is the last time you saw a powerful thunderstorm? The wind kicks up, trees bend, and branches whip about in the power of the

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coming squall. Take a minute to recall the most powerful, electrical storm you have ever experienced. Maybe you have witnessed trees splitting and falling, or flood waters rising. No matter how powerful a storm may seem, God is greater still. It is *his* voice that the wind and the waves obey. As much as we might tremble before a hurricane or a tornado, God is even more worthy of our awe and adoration.

Sometimes the storms we see are windstorms and waves.

When we are feeling oppressed or when we feel the need to be victorious, Chemosh may tempt us to use our voices to boast of our own power and might. Even though God wants us to do all things with excellence, boasting about being “the best” is, in fact, putting others down, and does not glorify God.

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RESPOND

Let's join the Psalmist in giving God the proper credit for his glory and strength. Verse 2 says, "Worship (shachah) the Lord..." so get down as low as possible, face to the ground, lying flat out in a proper position before Yahweh. As you lie, flat out, place your trust in God and read this Psalm aloud one more time. Give God the correct place in your heart, mind and life as you speak these words, rejoicing in the fact that he alone is in control of all the unleashed fury of a storm, whether it is a real and scientific phenomenon or whether it only rages internally. The Hebrew word for "flood" used in the psalm is only used elsewhere in reference to Noah's flood, which reminds us that God makes a distinction between his children and those who are not his own. We can trust our Father

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to provide victory for us when we need it, to strengthen us to ride out life's storms, and to surround us with peace, even while the storm still rages!

Check out the short video below about hurricanes.

<https://tinyurl.com/lcstggx>

Although we can learn about them and can prepare for them, only God can control them from start to finish. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to him the glory due his name. He is on the throne, and he is above every storm or flood!